(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of the Pilot District	Sanctioned Pilot District	GOI share Project Cost	First instalment released
1.	Chittoor	4000.00	3740.00	1122.00
2.	Khammam	3753.00	3509.00	1052.70
3.	Nalgonda	4000.00	3740.00	1122.00
4.	Nellore	4000.00	3740.00	**
5.	Prakasam	4000.00	3740.00	1122.00

**will be released after the required formalities are completed by the district level implementing agency.

Unavailability of drinking water in many areas of Maharashtra

3296. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that drinking water is not available in 1246 villages and 1491 hamlets in Maharashtra;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the State Government had demanded Rs. 100 crore from the Centre;

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction; and

(d) what steps are being taken to help the State Government to overcome the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) As per the information furnished by the Government of Maharahtra, 2256 rural habitations in the State were yet to be covered with drinking water supply facilities as on 1-4-2001.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Demand of Rs. 100 crore was received last year from the Government of Maharashtra.

(c) Drinking water supply being a State subject, schemes for providing drinking water facilities to rural habitations are implemented by the States from their own resources. The Government of India supplements the efforts of the States by providing financial assistance under the Accelerated Rural

Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) and Rural Drinking Water component of the Prime Minister's Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY). Powers have been delegated to the States to plan, sanction and implement individual rural drinking water supply schemes. In March, 2001, Government of Maharashtra was informed that as no additional funds under ARWSP are available it would not be possible to release any additional funds during 2000-2001. During 2000-2001, Rs. 169.34 crore under ARWSP and Rs. 24.14 crore under the Rural Drinking Water component of PMGY were released to Maharashtra.

(d) In 2001-2002 Maharashtra Government has been allocated Rs. 191.59 crore under ARWSP, and under the Rural Drinking Water component of PMGY Rs. 31.05 crore have been allocated. As first instalment Rs. 95.79 crore under ARWSP and Rs. 5.55 crore under Rural Drinking Water component of PMGY have been released for the current year.

CAPART assistance to rural artisans of Tamil Nadu

3297. SHRI CHO S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any plan of assistance has been implemented by "CAPART" for providing financial and training assistance to rural artisans of Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the number of districts in the State where such artisans have been benefited so far during the last five years under these schemes;

(c) what is the total amount of assistance given so far; and

(d) what are the criteria for selection of such artisans under the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) CAPART has funded some voluntary organisations to take up projects under the schemes, *viz.*, Development of Women & Children in Rural Areas (DWCRA) and Public Cooperation (PC) which involved skill orientation as well as skill upgradation of women and men already engaged in trades like weaving, bamboo and cane work, mat weaving, carpentry, gem-cutting etc.

(b) 230 artisans in five districts of Tamil Nadu have so far been benefited during the last five years under these schemes.

(c) And amount of Rs. 10.66 lakhs has been extended to the voluntary organisations for this purpose so far.